

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 7, 11, 15, and 18 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 15-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0057265 to Tamura et al. (“Tamura”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0212610 to Hamlin (“Hamlin”).

Applicants reserve the right to swear behind Hamlin.

Amended claim 1 includes “the software driver configured to work with a plurality of display codecs while remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed.”

The Examiner noted that “Tamura et al. do not disclose a plurality of display codecs remaining in a default configuration.” (Office Action, 1/29/09, p. 2)

Accordingly, Tamura fails to disclose a software driver configured to work with a plurality of display codecs while remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Hamlin, in contrast, discloses the following:

...Video driver 170 remembers a previous video display configuration that the user had set for a previously connected display and restores that display configuration when returning to that display without user interaction. Video driver 170 is installed on IHS 100 as per block 200. A mode table 175 is created with default display configuration settings or values that are stored in media drive 157. The present display state is then detected as per block 210. The display state includes data describing which displays are presently attached to the IHS and which of those are currently active. As explained earlier, the display state which is stored also includes display configuration information

for each of the displays in a particular display state. Default configuration information entries or values corresponding to the detected display state are read from the mode table as per block 215. These configuration information values or settings are sent to the operating system of the IHS as per block 220. The operating system instructs graphics controller 115 to activate any attached active displays with the retrieved configuration information. The first time that the IHS encounters a particular display state will result in the IHS using default display configuration settings for the display or displays in that display state. The user will be given an opportunity to provide preferred display configuration information for a particular display state or display as discussed later.

(Hamlin, paragraph [0036])(emphasis added)

Thus, Hamlin discloses using a default configuration for the displays. In contrast, amended claim 1 refers to remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed. Hamlin fails to disclose, teach, or suggest working with a plurality of display codecs while remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Furthermore, even if Hamlin and Tamura were combined, such a combination would still lack remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura and Hamlin in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0104899 to Swartz et al. (“Swartz”).

Applicants reserve the right to swear behind Swartz.

As set forth above, a combination of Tamura and Hamlin fails to disclose remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Swartz, in contrast, discloses a real time stream processor. Swartz fails to disclose, teach, or suggest remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Furthermore, even if Tamura, Hamlin and Swartz were combined, such a combination would lack remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Given that claim 4 depends from amended claim 1, and add additional limitations, applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tamura and Hamlin in view of Swartz.

Claims 5, 11-14, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura and Hamlin in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0155043 to Schulz et al. (“Schulz”).

Applicants reserve the right to swear behind Schultz.

As set forth above, a combination of Tamura and Hamlin fails to disclose remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Schulz, in contrast, discloses remotely monitoring and controlling machine. Schulz fails to disclose, teach, or suggest remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Furthermore, even if Tamura, Hamlin and Schulz were combined, such a combination would lack remaining in a default configuration of the software driver when the display codec is changed, as recited in amended claim 1.

Given that claims 5, 11-14, and 20 contain the limitations that are similar to those limitations discussed with respect to amended claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 11-14, and 20 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tamura and Hamlin in view of Schulz.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 022666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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